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| **CHAPTER =**  The girl introduced herself as Rashida, and invited them to sit on her blanket. She is on her own as her family could only afford one ticket. She shared some water and a tin of sardines with them. Jamal offered to teach her how to bounce the ball on her knees. He noticed a plastic bag of flour in her suitcase. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal used the flour to bake bread on the outside of the engine. He noticed that the floor of the engine room was awash with water. He hoped the boat was not sinking. |
| **CHAPTER =**  The boat was very crowded and all the people were on the deck. Many were seasick. While they were lined up for soup a teenage girl in front of them was wrapped in a blanket and the blanket caught fire. Jamal pulled it from her and jumped on the flames.  He was surprised to find the girl wearing shorts and a T shirt and green lipstick. The sailor refused to give her food and also refused to give Jamal and Bibi any. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Pirates boarded the fishing boat. They were after young females.  Bibi and Rashida hid their hair and all three sat bouncing the soccer ball from knee to knee, they hoped the pirates would assume that only boys could have such skill.  Jamal hoped that Omar would not try to join in as ‘his lack of skill could be fatal.’(p143) A pirate went to kick the ball but Jamal moved it out of the way. The pirate fell over and his friends laughed. He then kicked Jamal very hard in the hip.  The smugglers went with the pirates leaving the frightened people and three frightened sailors on the boat. |
| **CHAPTER =**  Jamal became seasick. He hoped that it would not be long before they reached Australia. The little children and older people were suffering more than they were. |
| **CHAPTER =**  They had been on the boat six days. The food and water ran out that morning. It was Bibi’s birthday. They tried to be happy by planning a party for when they arrived in Australia.  Rashida told them she had been born in Australia but soon after the family had received a letter saying that all her uncles had been killed in the war. They returned to Afghanistan to care for grandparents until their death. The government would not let them return to Australia. |
| **CHAPTER =**  When Jamal woke the engines had stopped. The smugglers told them that the price they had been charged was wrong and that they had to pay another hundred dollars each.  Jamal tried to pay with the last two loaves of bread but the sailor threw the bread overboard. Rashida paid for the four of them with a watch. |